

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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**ARNEL DASRATH,**

**Plaintiff,**

**ORDER**

**-against-**

**15-CV-766 (SJ)**

**POLICE OFFICER JOHN DOE 1,  
POLICE OFFICER JOHN DOE 2,  
CITY OF NEW YORK,**

**Defendants.**  
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Plaintiff's counsel, Darius Wadia, has filed a Motion to Withdraw as Attorney (Dec. 14, 2015), Electronic Case Filing Docket Entry ("DE") #20. Mr. Wadia has now informed the Court that his client, Arnel Dasrath, does not consent to the motion. See Letter Pursuant to Electronic Order (Dec. 17, 2015), DE #21. The Court hesitates to grant the motion, over plaintiff's objection, before plaintiff has secured a new attorney; the Court would prefer to stay the action for a reasonable period while Mr. Dasrath seeks new counsel.

Accordingly, the Court directs plaintiff's counsel, after communicating with Mr. Dasrath, to confer with defense counsel about seeking a limited stay of discovery in anticipation of the filing of a stipulation of substitution of counsel. Mr. Wadia shall file a request for a stay, or updated status report, by January 5, 2016. Mr. Wadia's Motion to Withdraw is denied without prejudice.

**SO ORDERED.**

**Dated: Brooklyn, New York  
December 18, 2015**

/s/ Roanne L. Mann  
**ROANNE L. MANN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**